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1. SUMMARY. THIS TELEGRAM PROVIDES INFORMATION ON IBRD PROJECTS LISTED IN ENCLOSURE TO RE E, AS WELL AS ON OTHER MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS IN MADAGASCAR. END SUMMARY.

2. POWER I: INFORMATION IN REFS B, C, & D STILL CURRENT. PRE-SELECTION TENDER (SEE REFS C& D) BIDS DUE AUG 30, FOLLOWED BY SELECTION OF CONSTRUCTION FIRMS FROM AMONG THOSE PRESELECTED. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WILL PROBABLY NOT BEGIN BEFORE 1979.

3. IRRIGATION LOWER MANGOKY: INFORMATION PARA 4 REF B IS STILL CURRENT.

4. ANTANANARIVO WATER SUPPLY/SEWAGE/FLOOD CONTROL: INFO PARAS 5 & 6 REF B STILL CURRENT.

5. HIGHWAYS V: CONSULTANT FOR MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL PROBABLY BE CHOSEN IN LATE 1978. US FIRM LOUIS BERGER MAY HAVE CHANCE TO PROVIDE THESE CONSULT-
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ING SERVICES AS BERGER WILL HAVE TWO TEAMS OF CONSULTANTS IN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, ON HIGHWAYS IV PROJECT, BY LATE JULY 1977. UNFORTUNATELY, THESE TEAMS ARE ALREADY OVERDUE, HAVING ORIGINALLY BEEN EXPECTED IN MAY OR JUNE 1977.

6. FERTILIZER PLANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH TAMATAVE OIL

REFINERY: REPORTEDLY, GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING THE PROPOSALS OF APPROXIMATELY 4 FIRMS TO PROVIDE THIS PLANT WORTH APPROXIMATELY 58 MILLION DOLLARS. AMONG FIRMS WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS ARE THE US FIRM N-REN; FRENCH NATIONALIZED FIRM CREUSET-LOIRE; THE GERMAN FIRM BASF; AND A JAPANESE FIRM. UNIDO HAS SENT A CONSULTANT TO MADAGASCAR TO STUDY THESE PROPOSALS AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER, 1977.

7. PAPER PULP MILL: SEE PARA 2 (III) REF A FOR EARLIER REPORTING ON THIS PROJECT. MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT IS STILL CONSIDERING THIS LARGE (250,000 TONS ANNUAL PRODUCTION) PULP MILL TO PRODUCE PULP ENTIRELY FOR EXPORT. THE IBRD HAS ALREADY FUNDED REFORESTATION OF 100 THOUSAND HECTARES OF PULP WOOD FOREST AND THE MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO INTEREST THE IBRD IN THE PULP MILL PROJECT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE POWER I HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE). WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT TWO FAO CONSULTANTS WILL ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PULP MILL FOR THE GOVERNMENT. REPORTEDLY, THE FAO CONSULTANTS WILL CONSIDER THE FORECAST WORLD PULP MARKET AS A MAJOR FACTOR OF PROFITABILITY AND WILL BE EMPOWERED TO RECOMMEND AGAINST THE PROJECT IF THEY SHOULD BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD PULP

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MARKET CANNOT SUPPORT THE PROJECT.

8. COMOROS PROJECTS: UNDERSTAND NAME OF CONSULTING FIRM CHOSEN FOR COMOROS HIGHWAYS PROJECTS IS SECMO. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM IBRD WASHINGTON.BARRETT

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